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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 01

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As of 9:00 p.m. June 4, an estimated cumulative total of 18,105 sockeye salmon have passed the Chignik River weir. To assess any buildup of sockeye salmon in Chignik Lagoon, ADF&G is currently conducting the second test fishery of the season. Preliminary reports from the test fishery indicate that the abundance of sockeye salmon has increased over the past 48 hours and that there is a moderate buildup of sockeye salmon in the lagoon. Estimated escapement during the next 36 hours is expected to exceed the escapement objectives (17,900-20,400) for June 8.

The **Chignik Bay, Central, and Eastern districts**, as well as **Inner Castle Cape Subsection of the Western District** (273-93) of the Chignik Management Area will open to commercial salmon fishing for **48 hours beginning at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, June 6 until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 8**. The Chignik Lagoon markers will be located at Humes Point.

As a reminder, commercial salmon fishing license holder may not subsistence fish for salmon during the 12 hours before a commercial salmon fishing period or the 12 hours following the closure of a commercial salmon fishing period.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, salmon harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon>. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.

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